

ACTIVITY IN FOOTBALL * JUGILISM * BILLIARDS AND POOL.



LEHMAN, BROWN AND SCHILL OF THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY TEAM.

GOSSIP OF THE LOCAL FOOTBALL GRIDIRON.

St. Louis University Team Showing to Advantage—Prospect for Association Football This Season Seems Good.

Prospects for the St. Louis University football team seem exceptionally bright this season, and the material shown in yesterday's game was about as good as any that has appeared at the college in recent years. While the result of the game can be variable, as being the first game played, both teams this season, the work of the St. Louis men was of an order that promises a bright future for the season.

The blue and white team has been at a great disadvantage for several years, on account of having no heavy men, and but few of the old players returned to the college each successive year since the early nineties. It became necessary to bring out green men each season, therefore, and the development of this material has not proven an easy task.

Last year the team was considered fast and strong, and the boys played a hard game throughout. When college closed last year it was found that scarcely a player on the team intended to return and prospects for this season looked black. Coach Delaney set to work this fall at new material, however, and he seems to have developed a first-class team.

Coach Delaney states that the team of this year is twice as fast as that of last season, and that as soon as the new men get seasoned by two or three games, the team should be able to hold its own with any eleven in the State.

Jack McCreary, the crack runner of the First Missouri Regiment, is considered quite a find, and as he has had a little more experience he will be a hard nut for the opposing team to get against. Monday to playing left tackle, and his work in getting down and backing against the driving player in practice is vigorous and effective. He carries the ball in good style, running low and holding his feet. He should make a valuable man this year.

James Grace is the latest addition to the team and should make quite a reputation for himself this season on account of his weight and speed. He weighs 220 pounds and is scheduled for left guard. In practice he has shown well, displayed great speed and has done exceptionally good work in the line.

Light guard is being contested for by Hickey and P. H. Hickey, and although the latter has the advantage, in so far as he is being pushed hard by Hickey for the position. The latter played a good game last season and his experience in the game gives him an equal chance with Pollman, who is a green man.

Jack Lynn, a stockily built player of remarkable speed and well versed in the game, is playing at right tackle at present and has shown well in practice. He has the making of a good end or half back in him and will probably be scheduled for one of these positions before the season is over.

Johnson, last year's center, was pronounced by Dick Hild, then coaching the Tolia School of Mines, the best man that his team met in the position throughout the season. Johnson is fast on his feet and has proven a demoralizing factor for the opposing line in many games. He is down in the same position this season.

The university is well supplied with ends and it will be hard to name these sure of this position until all the boys are given a trial. Foxington played a good game last season and will probably make a position on the team this season. McLean, captain of the team, has been changed from his old position at left half back to end position and has done well, getting away with the ball fast.

Hook Ewing is another candidate for an end. Ewing comes from a family well known in football, and will be given a trial at left end. Shawacker, another candidate for end, has shown up well in practice. He is a hard and contentious player. McDaniel is one of the most promising candidates for quarter back. He understands the game well and runs the team in good shape.

The University has several good backs, including Kiley and Moran. Tom Davis is playing a hard game in the line and future will be tried out at center.

The question of post-graduates at the St. Louis University is a perplexing point, and is one which has undoubtedly prejudiced



TRUE, CHERBONNIER AND BRILL OF THE MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Hitherto, however, the game locally has always been complicated for the number of clean, yet tricky, players, who depend upon their passing and crossing from one wing to another to win their games. Some high skill has been developed in this line, and the teams here stand well in the estimation of outside teams on this account.

Another matter which the local league will insist upon is the paying of referees to the referee by the players. Referees cannot be infallible, and in a game where some of the fastest runners in the city meet they sometimes make some mistakes in rapid plays. The league has decided that, as the referee represents the various teams, however, his decision shall be entitled to all respect.

Some fast football has been played on the association field here of recent years, and the teams produced in this city have won some general recognition in the East and in Canada than here. The Christian Brothers

College has always had a good team, and the prospects for the coming season have caused particular efforts to be put forth by Manager Patrick and his associates in an effort to produce a fine team.

Games in which the college figures will be played on the new C. B. C. campus, where the new grand stand affords an opportunity for comfortable accommodation of the spectators.

Of recent years the teams holding the championship of the city have been the St. Terence, who constitute the C. B. C. team of today, and the College Club team, which was the predecessor of the Jefferson Club team. The opening game of the season will probably be played next Sunday.

Four clubs now constitute the local league, these being the Y. M. C. team, the C. B. C. team, the Jefferson Club team and the Timbers. Efforts will be made to bring Canadian clubs to this city in the course of the winter.

LIGHT-WEIGHT FRANK ERNE MADE UNLUCKY MATCHES.

Trained Down to Fight McGovern and Lost—Took on Weight for Firms and Suffered Defeat—Benny Vanger May Meet Kid Broad—Match for Clarence Ritchie—Other Gossip of Squared Circle.

Frank Erne seems to be having a hard time of it this year. He trained down to meet Terry McGovern and was defeated. Then he went up to meet Duke Firms and lost. If Erne would confine himself to the light-weight class he would be sure of victories or even draws, at least, as he has whipped about all the good material in that division.

Erne got a fearful drubbing in his fight with McGovern, and this may have taken away some of his confidence. Certain it is that although he had all the science in his fight with Firms, landing on the latter practically at will, up to the ninth round, he seemed to hang back, and to lose many opportunities which he could easily have taken advantage of. Caution in fighting a man so much heavier than himself, like Firms was justifiable to a certain extent, but several closings, which he could have won, he could have secured without undue risk.

His failure to seize these opportunities may point to loss of speed, which is hardly likely or to failure of nerve, which is possible. Failure to avoid Firms' wild rushes and swings proved disastrous, and he was knocked out with a right to the head and a left on the jaw.

Benny Vanger, who got the decision over George Dixon two weeks ago in this city, ran into a perfect epidemic of challenges when he reached Chicago, after the contest. About every feather weight in the country went after him, and if all the challenges were made in good faith, Vanger could keep busy for the next year or so.

Police interference with the Dunlevy-Mayfield bout last Monday evening cut short a contest which was increasing in interest each round. While Dunlevy had the best of the argument, and would probably have won had the fight been permitted to go the limit, Mayfield was putting up a clever exhibition of boxing that was really a pleasure to see.

Mayfield is much the cleverer boxer of the two, and it is easy to see why short bouts between the men resulted in draws. The only surprising feature is that the decision was not given Mayfield if his work was up to that of Monday night. For the first four rounds he more than held his own and landed on Dunlevy far oftener than the latter connected with him.

Mayfield's boxing was particularly good. He managed to get his glove or his forearm in front of nearly every blow that Dunlevy sent at him in the first four rounds.

Every boxer has been asked to earnestly discontinue anything like roughness in the course of a game. While charging a player is sometimes necessary and serves to excite the spectators, moderation has been strongly urged in this by the managers of the game, as it is often the cause of hard feelings.

Clarence Ritchie of this city will meet Ole Olsen or Jack McDaniel before the Chicago Athletic Association next Saturday night, October 12, at Hutchinson's summer hotel. Ritchie is anxious to secure him ever since his decisive defeat of Mike Hartley before the club last fall.

Martin Duffy will meet Joe Curtin before the Twenty-second Ward Athletic Club of Chicago to-morrow evening and a hard fight is expected. Duffy and Dave Berry are talked of in connection with a meeting before a local club, to take place in a few days.

Jack O'Keefe of East St. Louis and Morris Rouch may meet in Chicago in the near future. Rouch, being desirous of another meeting with O'Keefe, Rouch believes that he can win out of the record of a draw made with O'Keefe and offers to meet the latter on his own terms.

Out of the numerous challenges from which he can pick and choose, Benny Vanger will probably meet Bob Dixon here at Louisville some time in November. Vanger challenged the winner of the Broad-Sullivan contest and if a reasonable weight can be fixed there seems no reason to believe that the men will not come together shortly. Dixon is said to have agreed to 125 pounds at 6 o'clock in the evening. In his recent fight with Dixon here Vanger's weight was announced as 121, but he looked to be more than that.

It would not be at all surprising to see James J. Corbett return to the ring in the near future, recent developments indicating that the former champion will have to replenish his roll very shortly. If Corbett is really as quietly broke as he claims, which nobody believes, he would take to the first way of making money that came to his hand. He would not prove a strong drawing card in vaudeville, and he could easily earn well by entering the ring in earnest again, but what is safe to assume that he has gone back greatly since his last appearance.

In spite of this, Corbett could hold his own with many of the alleged fighters now in the ring and could not doubt defeat the majority of the heavyweights. The splendor which he displayed in his fight with Jeffries, when but a short time before his condition was known to have been extremely bad, shows that he possesses recuperative powers of a marked degree and that active powers of his former physical condition by applying himself.

Jack Dunlevy expects to go to Louisville in the near future and will endeavor to get a match in that city. He has also expressed a willingness to meet Bob Dixon here, but he is not sure that he has gone back greatly since his last appearance.

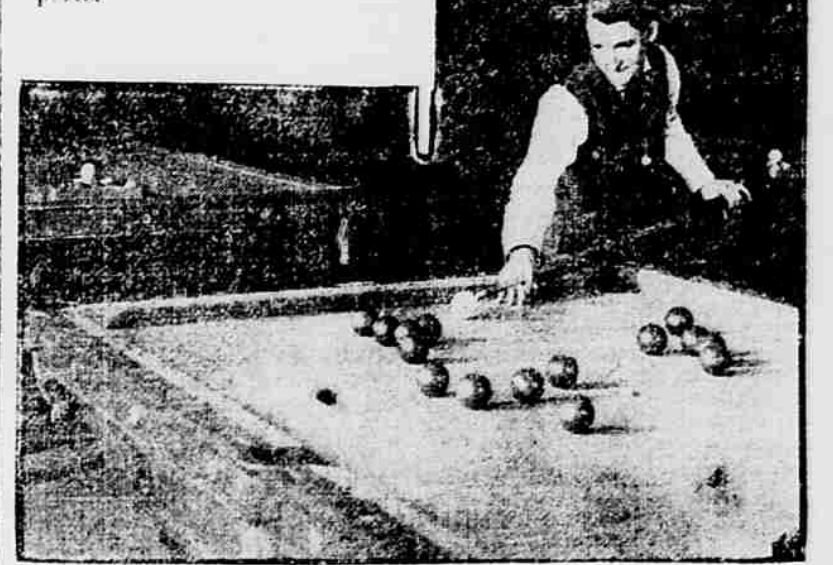
The recent prominence attained by Clarence Ritchie in middle-weight pugilism in Chicago recalls his hours as an amateur at the old Pastime Club six years ago, when that organization conducted amateur tournaments between local fighters. Probably no club in the country could lay claim to such a record as the defunct Pastime, athletes who received their training within its walls being prominent later in every branch of sport.

Beside the Ritchie boys, both of whom blossomed out into fairly good pugilists, the old Pastime turned out many amateurs who held the center of the athletic stage in their respective branches of sport. Charles Reiser, for instance, held the world's record for broad jumping for several years; L. D. Cabanne, prominently connected with the club, was one of the best bicycle riders the city produced, and has since been at the front in various branches of sport; Jake Holtman, well known in the club's athletic department, has since turned into a well-known race track starter, and the list could be prolonged indefinitely.

Amateurs, such as Mark Ewing, the boxer, Jim Year of last year's Yale team, Horace Rumsey, actively interested in athletics, and many others received most of their training in the old Pastime Club, nearly every St. Louis boy who has figured prominently in Eastern sport was at one time connected with the old organization, which truly had a record to be proud of.

REVIVED INTEREST IN BILLIARDS AND POOL.

Many Matches and Tournaments Will Be Played—Outside Talent Will Compete With Local Experts.



EXPERT E. C. MACK.

Who will take a hand in pool and billiards in St. Louis this winter.

The outlook for a good winter season of pool and billiards in St. Louis is brighter than it has been for several seasons past. With four first-class billiard parlors in full blast, local devotees of these games should be afforded amusement in plenty.

Not only will the games be kept booming by local experts, but the managers of the local rooms promise that much outside talent will be brought to the city this winter. Already plans for matches and tournaments are being made.

Since last winter many changes have taken place in the billiard world. St. Louis has lost one of its most enthusiastic supporters of the more scientific game in the death of Wayne C. McCreary. Not only by St. Louisans but by McCreary's death mourned, but in all the billiard centers of the country. With the exception of J. P. Min Smith, who has represented St. Louis in the New York tournaments for several years past, as it is, Mr. Smith and Frank they are left to keep alive the billiard game, which has lost much of its popularity locally, to the three-scientist game.

Where last winter the leading experts congregated at the Grand and the Grand, there are now four first-class rooms in the downtown district this season, and each has a good patronage. John La Carl, long identified with the Broadway, blossomed out last week as the proprietor of a handsome hall on North Sixth street. Everything about the place is brand new and glistering, and Mr. La Carl is welcoming many of the old customers who were

regular attendants at the Broadway. Thirteen billiard tables and seven pool tables, neatly arranged and provided with good light, and spick and span furnishings, make the "Royal" a favorite resort. Up till the present time Mr. La Carl has been too busy with the construction of his new place to save much time to plans for special attractions this winter, but he says that several matches and a tournament or two will be put on the boards later on.

The Broadway, vacated by La Carl, is now in the hands of Frank H. Benson, the well-known billiard expert. While not forgetting the more scientific game, Mr. Benson will make a specialty of pool matches this winter. He has removed all but three of the billiard tables, and has installed seven pool tables. Mr. Benson inaugurated the season a week ago with the continuous pool match between Jess Leon and E. C. Mack, which resulted in a victory for the former after a sensational finish. Several pool matches are on foot at Mr. Benson's place, and a pool tournament will take place later on.

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"I am going to do my best to boom the game here this winter," Mr. Mack, among other things, I intend to put on a

continuous pool match that will be all that the game implies. I shall enter a number of good players and arrange a schedule so that at any hour of the day spectators may find a game between two experts in progress. It is a little too early to state what I will offer in the way of billiard matches or tournaments, but there will be something doing, rest assured of that. That ever-popular resort, the Grand, will keep up its reputation with some good attractions this winter. George Scheffer, who will continue as proprietor and manager, is too well known to need an introduction here. The Grand is being remodeled and put in first-class shape, and will be as fully equipped as any hall in the country. A new and attractive front has been put in, and the roomy hall, which has been the scene of so many interesting matches, is being re-furnished.

Thus far the only definite feature that has been arranged is the Class C three-cushion billiard tournament, which will begin on the class B and Class A tournaments, followed by a pool tournament, with several matches to top off with.

The increased field will do much to popularize the mid-day playing. Last winter one must needs to climb down the back and repair, posthaste, to his favorite resort in order to secure a table. A stranger entering at the noon hour was confronted with the spectacle of a crowded hall and every table as busy as the wheels of a mill. A number of first-class parlors, this trade can be accommodated much better and will prove a most profitable one to the proprietors.

In speaking of the season's outlook, Judge Noland, the well-known billiard expert, says: "I see no reason why the sport should not flourish and thrive in St. Louis this winter. It seems to me that this city will afford good support to the different places. We are evidently on the edge of a revival, and, as has been in other branches of sport, once the season is well started there will be no trouble in keeping it over."

Last winter's development and this season's prospects indicate that the three-cushion game will rule the roost. Among the local experts there are several who excel in this interesting game, and in addition, younger talent is being developed that will make the other players hustle to keep pace in the front ranks. Talk-ins will have its devotees, too, but they will be less in number. Since withdrawing from the New York tournament last winter, Ben Min Smith has been much in evidence at the downtown tables, but he will likely return to his "home" when the winds begin to whistle sharp and cold around the corners. Frank Day is still in the field, and his interest in the billiard game seems to be undiminished. The future careers and the beginners will keep the simple crowd game going. Friendly matches will be much in evidence, and some good games may be looked for from the "old guard" at the Grand, Alce Schirke, Mr. Schirke, Judge Noland, Bob Stanley, Doctor Stankovic and a host of others will vie with one another as of yore.

French pool is already having quite a run and promises to be the popular game in the near future. The pool scene is well started, and interest never flags for a moment. The continuous pool matches will be to what the ambitions of the younger players, among whom much superior talent exists.

Frank Benson will not allow managerial cares to keep him out of the ring this winter. He expects to get his hand in several of the tournaments. Between E. C. Mack and Judge Noland there exists a friendly rivalry, and the Judge is already eager for a match with Mack. When Mack was managing a billiard table at Kansas City the Judge ran him out of the game, and the two have indulged in several friendly bouts, which seem to indicate a match game in the near future.

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CAPTAINS OF FOOTBALL ELEVEN IN THE LEADING EASTERN COLLEGES.



CAPTAIN CHARLES GOULD Of Yale.

CAPTAIN DAVID C. CAMPBELL Of Harvard.



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